

APPENDIX A
SITE SPECIFIC PROGRAM FACT SHEETS

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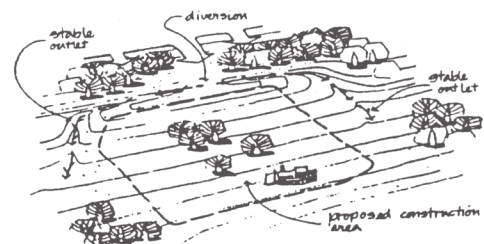
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FEES FOR ALTERATION OF TERRAIN PERMITS (SITE SPECIFIC)

Fees for Site Specific permits issued in accordance with NH RSA 485-A:17 have been required since May 1989. This requirement was amended by passage of NH RSA 483-B, The Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act in 1991. This act established a protected shoreland within 250 feet of public waters.



Specifically, Site Specific permits and therefore fees are required for projects which will disturb an area of 100,000 square feet or greater in all locations. In addition, projects within the protected shoreland which will disturb an area of at least 50,000 square feet also require Site Specific permits and therefore fees.

It should be noted that the fees are in even \$100 increments. The fee for a project disturbing from 50,000 to 199,999 square feet within the protected shoreland and from 100,000 to 199,999 square feet outside the protected shoreland is \$100, while the fee for disturbing 200,000 to 299,999 square feet at all locations is \$200. In practice, the area is measured as follows:

1. For a single family home subdivision in which the lot development will not be carried out at the same time as roadway construction, (i.e., the roadway and other work within the roadway right-of-way will be completed and stabilized prior to grading the lots), the only item considered in calculating the disturbed area is the roadway. For example, for a 50 foot right-of-way, 1000 linear feet of roadway would create an area of disturbance of 50,000 square feet and 2000 linear feet of roadway would create an area of disturbance of 100,000 square feet.
2. For other types of development and for earth removal operations, the contiguous earth disturbance would include such items as building area, parking, driveways, roadways, utility construction, landscaping and borrow areas.

For further information, contact the DES Water Division, Wastewater Engineering Bureau, at (603) 271-3503.

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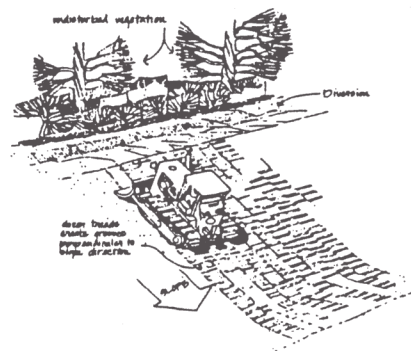
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ALTERATION OF TERRAIN PERMITS (SITE SPECIFIC)

When Are They Required?

Developers, municipal officials and private citizens frequently inquire about the need for an RSA 485-A:17 (formerly 149:8-a) Site Specific permit for a particular project. These Alteration-of-Terrain permits are designed to protect New Hampshire surface waters by minimizing soil erosion and controlling stormwater runoff.

The N.H. Department of Environmental Services, Water Division issues these permits under N.H. Administrative Rules Env-Ws 415. These rules state in part:



Permit Required. A permit shall be obtained from the division prior to commencing any of the following activities:

415.03(b) Construction, earth moving or other significant alteration of the characteristics of the terrain...when a contiguous area of 50,000 square feet or more if within the protected shoreland as defined by RSA 483-B or 100,000 square feet or more in all other areas will be disturbed.

This Requirement is applied by the Division in the following ways:

1. For a single family subdivision in which the lot development will not be carried out at the same time as roadway construction, (i.e., the roadway and other work within the roadway right-of-way will be completed and stabilized prior to grading the lots), the only item considered in calculation of disturbed area is the roadway. For example, for a 50 foot right-of-way, 2000 linear feet of roadway would create an area of disturbance of 100,000 square feet, thus requiring a Site Specific permit.
2. For other types of developments and earth removal operations, a contiguous earth disturbance of 100,000 square feet including building area, parking, driveways, roadways, utility construction, landscaping and borrow areas would require a Site Specific permit.

3. For earth removal operations in existence on the effective date of the regulations, May 4, 1981, the "footprint" of the area of disturbance at that time is considered to be grandfathered, but any contiguous disturbance of 100,000 square feet or more outside that footprint requires a Site Specific permit.
4. In addition to the above, RSA 483-B, the "Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act," requires that any person intending to conduct an activity within the protected shoreland resulting in a contiguous disturbed area exceeding 50,000 square feet to first obtain a permit pursuant to RSA 485-A:17. The protected shoreland is defined by the act as all land located within 250 feet of the reference line of public waters.

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